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SUBJ: SALE OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT TO TAIWAN

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1. I SAW PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY LEIF LEIFLAND ON THE QUESTION OF THE HOT ISOSTATIC PRESS. HE HAD JOHAN LIND WITH HIM, MFA EXPERT ON NUCLEAR QUESTIONS. LEIFLAND PROMISED ME A PROMPT ANSWER BUT I AM SURE SOME CAREFUL AND HIGHLY RESTRICTED INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS MUST TAKE PLACE, AND NEXT WEEK FINDS SWEDEN WITH TWO OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS (MAY 1 AND MAY 4), SO I EXPECT A FEW DAYS MUST BE ALLOWED BEFORE WE LEARN OF THE GOS INITIAL REACTION. LEIFLAND AND LIND UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY THE SENSITIVITY ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. LIND RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER THE HOT ISOSTATIC PRESS MIGHT BE ON A TRIGGER LIST, EITHER SWEDEN'S OWN, OR THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS LIST. LEIFLAND ADDED THAT SWEDEN'S OWN EXPORT CONTROL LIST FOR WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS SHOULD BE CHECKED TOO. THEIR POINT WAS THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBLE SHIPMENT BY ASEA IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR OWN CONTROLS, OR THE CONTROLS, LIKE THOSE OF THE SUPPLIERS GROUP, TO WHICH SWEDEN SUBSCRIBES. SHOULD THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF EQUIPMENT NOT APPEAR

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ON, OR BE ASSIMILABLE TO, ANY OF THESE LISTS, THEN THE QUESTION MUST BE FACED ON OTHER GROUNDS.

3. WE SPOKE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S RECENT TRIP TO PRC, AND TO PRESS REPORTS THAT ONE OF HER GROUP MIGHT HAVE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF SWEDEN SUPPLYING NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING EQUIPMENT. ALTHOUGH NEITHER LEIFLAND NOR LIND SEEMED SURE IF

THE PRESS REPORTS WERE CORRECT, IT WOULD BE ONLY REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT ANY SUCH TRADING INTEREST WHICH MIGHT HAVE EMERGED TO REINFORCE PRESENT TRADING FLOWS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE A DIRECT INFLUENCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE HOT ISOSTATIC PRESS SALE. (ON THE OTHER HAND, WHILE SWEDEN DOES NOT RECOGNIZE TAIWAN, SEVERAL SWEDISH COMPANIES DO HAVE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS THERE.)

4. REFTTEL DID NOT MENTION THE HOT ISOSTATIC PRESS IN THE CONTEXT OF A TRIGGER LIST. IS IT INCLUDED ON THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS TRIGGER LIST?  
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